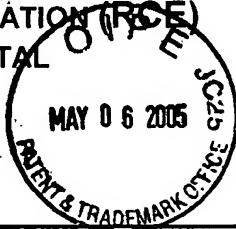


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For: TEST APPARATUS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

**AMENDMENT WITH FILING OF A REQUEST FOR
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Sir:

Prior to further examination of the present application pursuant to attached RCE and in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005 (hereinafter "outstanding Action"), please amend the application in a manner as set forth below.

The claims are amended beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.